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(BOKASSA)***

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST (UPI) -- DEPOSED CENTRAL AFRICAN DICTATOR JEAN BEDEL BOKASSA FLEW TO ASYLUM IN THE IVORY COAST TODAY, GIVING UP A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO TAKE REFUGE IN FRANCE.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THE DEPOSED, SELF-PROCLAIMED +EMPEROR+ HAD ARRIVED IN THE IVORY COAST ABOARD A FRENCH MILITARY DC-8 JETLINER THAT TOOK OFF FROM THE FRENCH MILITARY BASE AT EVREUX WEST OF PS. PRESSENIX GUNRZASYLUM WAS BEING EXTENDED TO BOKASSA AS AN ACT OF +CHRISTIAN CHARITY+ AND INDICATED HE WOULD BE SAFE FROM EXTRADITION TO FACE THE DEATH ORDER THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECLARED BY THE NEW REGIME IN HIS HOMELAND.

+IT IS NOT FOR US TO JUDGE THE ACTS OF OUR UNFORTUNATE GUEST,+ SAID HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. +GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT.+

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